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SENATE MEMORIAL 63

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LARRY G. BELL AND THANKING HIM FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Larry G. Bell has devoted a quarter of a century of his life to the cause of wildlife management, dividing his time between the roundhouse and the state's wilderness areas; and

WHEREAS, Larry Bell is leaving his post as director of the department of game and fish in the year 2003 after serving previously as a legislative liaison, an agency director, a law enforcement officer, a fish culturist and a horsepacker; and

WHEREAS, Larry Bell excelled in each of those roles, bringing to each assignment an unmatched dedication of purpose and steadfastness in the face of unpopular decisions; and

WHEREAS, Larry Bell's accomplishments at the department of

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1 game and fish include devising legal ways to construct game-
2 proof fences to protect crops and private property from
3 wildlife, implementing a fair and innovative penalty assessment
4 system for "fishing without a license" and designing an
5 impartial license revocation system for those who repeatedly
6 violate wildlife laws; and

7 WHEREAS, Larry Bell's legal acumen earned him an
8 unprecedented permanent seat on the executive committee of the
9 international association of fish and wildlife agencies and as
10 chairman of its legal and wildlife resources policy committees;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Larry Bell was honored as range conservationist
13 of the year for 2003 by the society of range management; and

14 WHEREAS, Larry G. Bell is an active outdoorsman, a member
15 of the rocky mountain elk foundation, ducks unlimited and the
16 national wild turkey federation and in his retirement, he hopes
17 to devote more time to these outdoor interests;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
19 OF NEW MEXICO that hearty congratulations and sincere thanks be
20 extended to Larry G. Bell for his years of dedicated service to
21 the people of the state of New Mexico and that he be wished
22 well in his retirement; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
24 transmitted to Larry G. Bell.